

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS
ARTS COMMISSION**

Minutes: Regular Meeting of the Arts Commission
Date of Meeting: January 27, 2003
Place of Meeting: City Hall, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Committee Meeting Room

I. Call to Order Chairperson Cherry called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

II. Flag Salute The Chair led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Commissioner's Present: Barrie, Cherry, Foulk (7:34pm), Hicks, Ogle (7:15pm), Rabe and Alternate Barnes and Gupta

Commissioner's Absent: Hays

City Staff Present: Recreation Services Manager, Bonnie Greiner, Acting Cultural Arts Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen

City Council Liaison Present: Council Member Armando Gomez

IV. Alternates No Alternates were seated

V. Agenda **MOTION** to approve the Agenda of January 27, 2003.
M/S: Rabe/Barrie Ayes: All

VI. Minutes **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of October 25, 2002.
M/S: Rabe/Hicks Ayes: All

VII. Citizens Forum Larry Voellger
689 Cardiff Place
Milpitas, CA 95035

Mr. Voellger, representing the Milpitas Alliance for the Arts, announced and invited the Commission to the Milpitas Alliance for the Arts Dance and Fundraiser on February 14th. Tickets are \$40 per person. Raffle tickets for (2) United Airline tickets to anywhere in the US, including Hawaii are for sale as well.

The City Council approved the Art in the Park project and contract to be constructed at Murphy Park. The project should be completed by March or April of this year. The next park designated for art is Hillcrest Park. A meeting will be held on February 15. For more information people can contact Larry Voellger.

Carla Moss, local artist, will be starting a Mural project with Pomeroy School. This program is made possible through a Community Foundation Grant.

VIII. Announcements and Correspondence

Mayor Jose Esteves encouraged the Commission to attend the Commissioner's Dinner on January 30th at 7:00PM at the Crowne Plaza in Milpitas. He expressed that he looked forward to seeing everyone there.

Recreation Services Manager, Bonnie Greiner, announced the following:

- Rainbow Theatre's *Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood* closed on Saturday, January 25, having a successful season with 2,800 people seeing performances.
- Eco Passes are available to all Commissioners. If anyone interested, see Bonnie after the meeting.

Acting Cultural Arts Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen, announced the following:

- CASP Event, Bay Area Showcase Chorus Sweet Adeline's, February 1st at the Milpitas Community Center at 4PM.
- Phantom Art Gallery Opening for the Golden Hills Art Association on January 9th had approximately 30 people in attendance. Four pieces of work have been sold.

Chairperson Cherry welcomed new Alternate Gupta to the Commission.

IX. New Business (A)

1. Election of Officers

MOTION to table Election of Officers to the February meeting.

M/S: Rabe/Barrie Ayes: All

X. Old Business

1. Arts Commission Work Plan

Chairperson Cherry stated to the Commission, because of the City's current budget, it is recommended that the Commission identify it's short-term goals as those projects or ideas that have no impact on City economics. Programs that are continuing from previous years, such as the Cultural Arts Support Program, Phantom Art Gallery and Arts Day are considered short term goals or goals accomplished.

Recreation Services Manager, Greiner, recommended that the "Percentage for Public Art" be taken to the Planning Department and the Planning Commission as they are the appropriate advisory body to City Council and as they have the resources for the research necessary. The following items were discussed as being short-term projects:

- Milpitas Arts Day
- Display for Community Center Bulletin Board
- Encourage Art Partnerships in Milpitas
- Cultural Arts Support Program
- Phantom Art Gallery
- Recognition for Arts Contributions/Success Stories (within Arts Commission)
- Active involvement in Arts activities for Milpitas Special Events

Chairperson Cherry asked that when staff drafts the Work Plan, the long-term goals are defined not by individual projects but as general commitments, and global mission statement defining the aspirations of the Commission.

Chairperson Cherry asked Commissioner Foulk his opinion on the Bandstand, since he was the initiator of the item. Commissioner Rabe expressed that she would be concerned whether the bandstand would actually be used for its intended purpose. Chairperson Cherry stated that the bandstand item was discussed before the Commission was aware of the new amphitheater space at City Hall. Commissioner Foulk said that also with the Master Plan at the Milpitas Sports Center possibly having one built at Cardoza Park, the item can be considered long term.

Commissioner Rabe asked that the draft of the Work Plan be brought back to the Commission for review. Recreation Services Manager, Bonnie Greiner, answered that the item would be agendaized for the February meeting.

MOTION to accept the Commission short term and long-term goals as discussed.

M/S: Barrie/Ogle Ayes: All

IX. New Business (B)

MOTION to re-agendaize Item VII. New Business 1. Election of Officers.

M/S: Hicks/Foulk

1. Election of Officers

The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson.

Commissioner Barrie nominated Commissioner Foulk.

Commissioner Foulk nominated Commissioner Rabe for Chairperson.

Commissioner Rabe respectfully declined.

MOTION to nominate Bill Foulk for Chairperson.

M/S: Barrie/Cherry Ayes: All

The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Barrie nominated Commissioner Cherry.

Commissioner Cherry nominated Commissioner Barrie. Commissioner Barrie respectfully declined.

MOTION to nominate Julie Cherry for Vice-Chair.

M/S: Barrie/Foulk Ayes: All

XI. Staff Reports

Staff had nothing to report.

XII. Liaison Reports

1. City Council

Council Member Gomez reported that City Council is currently reviewing the City's deficit. He encouraged the Commission to attend the Commissioner's Dinner on January 30th.

Commissioner Rabe asked what the status of the Dog Park was. Council Member Gomez answered that City Council approved \$300,000 for the construction of the Dog Park. \$2,000 is allotted for Art.

10. Milpitas Unified School District

Chairperson Foulk announced that the new Food Court at Milpitas High School is not open. The new football field and track has been completed and all are pleased with the results. The MUSD Board appointed Barbara Santos as their

new member, filling the vacancy from Council Member Polanski's departure. Interviews for the new Superintendent were completed this evening and an offer was made.

XIII. Future Agenda Items

- Commissioner Sign-Ups for Phantom Art Gallery and CASP Events

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:56PM until February 24, 2003 at 7PM in the Milpitas Community Center, Rm. 7&8.